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R 192359Z JUN 78  
FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2140  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY DOHA  
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UNRWA, XF  
SUBJECT: ARAB GROUP PROTESTS UNRWA HEADQUARTERS  
TRANSFER

1. ARAB GROUP PRESIDENT (QATAR) AND PERM REPS OF  
EGYPT, JORDAN, LEBANON, SYRIA PLUS PLO OBSERVER  
MET WITH SYG WALDHEIM ON JUNE 19 TO PROTEST IN RATHER  
LOW-KEY MANNER THE PROJECTED TRANSFER OF UNRWA HEAD-  
QUARTERS FROM BEIRUT TO VIENNA AND AMMAN. ACCORDING  
TO UN SECRETARIAT, ARAB AMBASSADORS (EGYPT TOOK LEAD)  
STATED THAT IN THEIR VIEW UNRWA HEADQUARTERS SHOULD  
REMAIN IN BEIRUT IF POSSIBLE; IF THIS NOT FEASIBLE  
THEN ARAB GROUP SECOND PREFERENCE WAS FOR ITS TRANSFER  
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TO AMMAN. THE AMBASSADORS QUESTIONED CLOSELY THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF UNRWA AND THE CIRCUM STANCES SURROUNDING  
THE DECISION TO MAKE THE MOVE. THEY REQUESTED FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION ON TRANSFER AS WELL.

2. SYG WALDHEIM PROMISED FINANCIAL DATA  
AND EXPLAINED RATIONALE FOR MOVE. UN SECRETARIAT IS

OF OPINION THAT ARAB GROUP WILL NOT PURSUE MATTER  
FURTHER. AMBASSADOR MEGUID (EGYPT) COMMENTED MATTER-  
OF-FACTLY THAT AT THIS STAGE DECISION SEEMS TO HAVE  
BEEN TAKEN ALREADY AND THUS NOTHING CAN BE EXPECTED  
TO BE DONE WHEN ONE IS CONFRONTED WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI.

3. UN SECRETARIAT IS AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN THE GENESIS  
OF THIS APPROACH. THE ARAB GROUP (WHICH HAS, OF COURSE,  
BEEN AWARE OF UNRWA'S PLANS FOR SOMETIME) HAS NOT  
DISCUSSED THE MATTER; NOR HAVE PLO, JORDANIANS OR  
EGYPTIANS IN NEW YORK EVIDENCED MUCH INTEREST BEFORE  
TODAY. IF MAY BE THAT THOSE MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED  
DECIDED THEY MUST MAKE DEMARCHE FOR THE RECORD,  
PARTICULARLY TO COUNTER ANY REFUGE COMPLAINTS THAT  
MIGHT ARISE AT HOME. LEONARD

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